



Proclamation

- Whereas** after five and a half (5 ½) years of efforts to establish a sister city relationship with Kotlas, Russia, an Agreement between Kotlas and Waterville was signed in June 1990; and
- Whereas** the Waterville area Kotlas Committee, followed by the Kotlas – Waterville Sister City Connection, was established to develop friendship and understanding between the people of central Maine and Kotlas, Russia; and
- Whereas** both communities have continued to express a common desire for peace and friendship between our nations; and
- Whereas** over the past 25 years this connection has established many personal contacts by all manner of communication and visits including numerous student exchanges, delegations and teachers' visits; and
- Whereas** students from over fifteen (15) Maine communities have been able to participate in a "Russian Sampler" program each year to learn about Russia and its culture; and
- Whereas** this Sister City Connection has provided for many humanitarian aid projects, cultural programs and public receptions and tours creating an invaluable connection between the two communities of Kotlas and Waterville; and
- Whereas** the future holds many more opportunities to continue these important social, political and economic exchanges,

**Now, therefore, I, Nicholas Isgro, Mayor of Waterville, do recognize the
25th Anniversary of the Kotlas, Russia – Waterville, Maine
Sister City Connection**

and extend the greetings and best wishes of all the residents
of Waterville to all the residents of Kotlas.

**In witness whereof, I do hereby set my hand and seal this 23rd day of
June in the year of our Lord, Two thousand and fifteen.**

Nicholas Isgro
Mayor of Waterville, Maine, U.S.A.

